

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An isolated peptide which comprises: comprises:

- (a) the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1; or
- (b) a sequence which has at least 95% identity with the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1, and which has dipeptidyl peptidase activity, with the same substrate specificity, as SEQ ID NO:1.

Claims 2-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously presented): A fragment of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 which has dipeptidyl peptidase activity, with the same substrate specificity, as SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A fragment according to claim 4, which consists of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NOs: 3 or 5.

Claim 6 (original): A peptide according to claim 1, wherein an asparagine residue in the peptide is not linked to a carbohydrate molecule.

Claim 7 (original): A peptide according to claim 1, wherein the peptide is not expressed on the cell surface membrane of a cell.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A fusion protein comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 linked with a further ~~further~~ amino acid sequence, the fusion protein having dipeptidyl peptidase activity, with the same substrate specificity, as SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 9 (original): A fusion protein according to claim 8 wherein the further amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of GST, V5 epitope and His tag.

Claims 10-23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (original): A composition comprising a peptide according to claim 1.

Claims 25-27 (canceled).